

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 1484
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 2, 2023; March 16, 2023, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Border Security;
1-4 April 6, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-5 Nays 0; April 6, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	<u>Birdwell</u>	X		
1-9	<u>Flores</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Blanco</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Hinojosa</u>	X		
1-12	<u>King</u>	X		

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to a border operations training program for peace officers
1-16 employed by local law enforcement agencies.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
1-19 amended by adding Section 411.02093 to read as follows:

1-20 Sec. 411.02093. BORDER OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM. (a)

1-21 The department, in coordination with local law enforcement
1-22 agencies, shall establish and administer a border operations
1-23 training program for peace officers employed by local law
1-24 enforcement agencies that will prepare the officers to:

1-25 (1) collaborate and cooperate with and assist any law
1-26 enforcement agency in the interdiction, investigation, and
1-27 prosecution of criminal activity in the Texas-Mexico border region;
1-28 and

1-29 (2) collaborate and cooperate with and assist district
1-30 attorneys, county attorneys, the border prosecution unit, and other
1-31 prosecutors in the investigation and prosecution of allegations of
1-32 criminal activity in the Texas-Mexico border region.

1-33 (b) The training program under Subsection (a) must include:

1-34 (1) information on:

1-35 (A) criminal activity occurring along the
1-36 Texas-Mexico border, including drug trafficking and trafficking of
1-37 persons and other activity carried out by cartels, transnational
1-38 gangs, and other groups engaged in organized criminal activity; and

1-39 (B) methods for identifying northbound,
1-40 southbound, and intrastate criminal activity associated with drug
1-41 trafficking, trafficking of persons, and other organized criminal
1-42 activity;

1-43 (2) best practices for investigating and prosecuting
1-44 the criminal activity described by Subdivision (1) and securing the
1-45 Texas-Mexico border; and

1-46 (3) an overview of the department's operations at the
1-47 Texas-Mexico border, including any collaboration with the United
1-48 States Customs and Border Protection.

1-49 (c) The department shall identify opportunities for a peace
1-50 officer described by Subsection (a) to assist in the department's
1-51 duties related to border operations. The department may authorize
1-52 the officer to assist in carrying out those duties.

1-53 (d) A peace officer authorized by the department to assist
1-54 in carrying out duties related to the department's border
1-55 operations as described by Subsection (c) is not entitled to
1-56 compensation from the department for the assistance provided.

1-57 (e) The department may partner with federal agencies in
1-58 administering the training program under Subsection (a) and
1-59 facilitating any assistance provided by a peace officer under
1-60 Subsection (c).

1-61 SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is
1-62 amended by adding Section 1701.359 to read as follows:

2-1 Sec. 1701.359. BORDER OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM. The
2-2 commission may:
2-3 (1) recognize, or with the consent of the Department
2-4 of Public Safety administer or assist in administering, the border
2-5 operations training program established under Section 411.02093,
2-6 Government Code, as a continuing education program for officers;
2-7 and
2-8 (2) credit an officer who successfully completes the
2-9 program described by Subdivision (1) with the appropriate number of
2-10 continuing education hours.

2-11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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